THE EVENING CRITIC.

a suspension of fun and frolic, and the audience at the Theatre Comique was temporarily thrown into a state of commetion by the sudden extinguishment of the lights, the rattling among the scenery and flopping of the canvass covers adoraing each side of the anditorium. The Pension Office, City Hall, Masonic Temple and other places were either unroofed, or partially so, and trees, tree-boxes, awnings and sign-boards whireled through the Air Like Chappeon a gusty day in March. It was a storm that will be remembered for many days, and Vennor, or whoever is responsible for its coming, was to-day cursed, denounced and rated with a vehemence that the ordinary man would consider frightful.

The incidents of the storm,

or north side projected over the wall. Here the wind played with its greatest force, the result was that the roof was raised up and carried down Four-and-half street. The heavy rafters and coping stones were also blown off in spots. Several of the former, some twelve inches square and fifteen or twenty feet in length, were thrown to mer, some twelve inches square and fifteen or twenty feet in length, were thrown to the south area of the building. The stones were precipitated through to the building below in several places. One heavy timber was hurled, as if from a cannon, against the house of Mr. John A. Baker, and now remains sticking upright in the roof.

The wind and rain entered freely at the mains sticking upright in the roof.

The wind and rain entered freely at the uncovered places, and soon the inside of the

various rooms was flooded, in some places nearly a foot deep. The Recorder's office was, fortunately, not visited by the water. The wind, however, blew down the plaster-ing from the ceiling in the main office, and the ladies' copying room was partially flooded. No damage was suffered by the record books or deeds filed. 'The clerk's ofrecord books or deeds filed. The clerk's offices were also exempted from serious injury as far as the records were concerned. At the other end of the building the Register of Wills' office was very badly damaged. The water entered freely at several points in the ceiling. In the room at the entrance to the fire-proof vault two large coping stones had fallen through, making a clean breach. Here, as at the east wing, the records were safe. Most of these are kept in the vault, and those outside were not even touched by water, a remarkable circumstance, considering the amount of water in the rooms. These offices have only recently been hand-These offices have only recently been hand-somely refurnished and decorated, the former at Col. Webster's own expense. Architect Clark inspected the building after the storm and took what measures were necases and took what measures were necessary to stop the further damage. To-day a large force of workmen were set at work repairing the damage, which will be over \$5,000.

An attache of the Republican was in an A struct of the Repusican was in an Estrect car (No. 36), directly in front of the monument facing the City Hall, when the storm struck that building. The occasional flashes of vivid lightning showed the car to be in a sea of mud, while the debris tri to be in a sea or initial, while the desired flying around, the pelting half-stones, the terrified horse, frightened passengers, and heroic driver, who stood manfully by his animal, made, as the reporter says, a neverto-be-forgotten scene. The car was com-pelled to stop and take the brunt of the pitiless storm, which drenched the passen-

gers.

THE "REPURLICAN" OFFICE.

The Republican this morning thus describes the scene at that office: "The experiences of the storm were of a character to give the attaches of this valuable journal a realizing sense of its violence. At the first outburst the windows of the city editor's outburst the windows of the city editor's room were blown open, the glass smashed, the gas put out, and the driving rain came pouring in, giving everything a free bath. After frantically rushing to the windows and securing them, the lonely attache who was on duty in that department fumbled round until he found the stop-cock to the gas, so as to prevent its further escape, and just as he had succeeded in turning of the gas the windows again blew open, having been torn from their fastenings by the violence of the wind. A friend had fortunately entered, and while the scribe held one window fast and while the scribe held one window fast he pressed the visitor into scrvice to do the same by the other. There these two stood, each braced against a window, getting a free admission to the glorious heavenly fireworks outside during the extreme severity of the storm. The rain and hail pelted the tin roof overhead and the racket was increased by the crash of two chimneys which fell, frightening nearly every compositor out of his wits. Down status in the editorial room the rain poured in at the windows before the auburn-haired mercury and while the scribe held one window windows before the auburn-haired mercury could close them, and as he stood tugging away at the patent fistening, which is never good for anything when you want to use it, the lightning played about his ruddy locks, making him look like a Titian chemb. He was an awfully wet chemb be-fore he got through with it, though.

The large signs at this office were severely injured by the storm.

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THE PLACES OF AMUSEMENT.

During the early part of the commencement exercises at Ford's Opera House the storm burst forth in terrific fury. The skylight on the north side of the roof was torn off, and soon the rain made its way through the calling. Before the windows on the factors.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

The roof of the Masonic Temple was carried to the opposite side of F street and landed against the windows of Smith's dinlanded against the windows of Smith's dining-room, smashing them into atoms and creating intense excitement within the room. The roof going off left the Temple at the mercy of the water, but the injury was principally to the lodge rooms and their furniture, &c. The damage will be about \$2,000. The hall was not injured, and a school commencement was in progress there to-day. The roof of the Temple paid its respects also to T. A. Offerdinger's eigar store and smashed the front window.

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THE INCIDENTS OF THE STORM, described further on, show that even though it was terrible and ruthless, it was not unattended by humorous occurrences. For instance, the wandering wayfarer who twentured out after the storm was over could not get a milk-punch for love norm money. The thunder had turned the milk sour. The spectacle presented at the Bepablican office, when the employees attempted to swim out, was funny, particularly when the tity editordlyed down through the spaking-time to go out and work up the storm. In more than one instance did the lynx-like reporter of The CRITTE observe ladies with their trousers rolled up aiding their busbands in baling water from their basements and dinig-rooms, and it was not an unusual occurrence to hear a house-owner or treant swear because the chimney had abdicated. But the details further on will prove more interesting.

DAMAGE TO THE CITY HALL.

The main building of the City Hall was almost completely uncovered. The first part of the roof, which was of tin, was protected by heavy stone coping, but the back or north side prejected over the wall, Here was almost completely at uncovered. The first part of the roof, which was of tin, was protected by heavy stone coping, but the back or north side prejected over the wall, Here was distant and belonging to the depth of the fer form various stores and business, house, and heaving and printing establishment, corner the wind played with its greatest force. The result was that the roof was raised up and carried down Fourceath steets force, when the great of the roof, which was of tin, was provided to the profession of the first part of the roof was raised up and carried down Fourceath steets force. The result was that the roof was raised up and carried down Fourceath steets force. The leavy ra

then, by a change in the direction of the wind, sent swiftly back to her wharf. Much fear for her safety was expressed, and the scene on board was one of great fear and distress. The various wharves were nearly all losers by the disappearance of sheds or small roofs, and a large quantity of small timber was blown into the water. In one case the masts of a small yacht are reported to have been snapped by the wind. Teleione wires were generally broken.

RUMORS AND STORIES. The rumors were numerous and startling, The rumors were numerous and startling, but were hard to verify, and in most cases improbable. The story was widely circulated that a small frame building on M street had been unroofed and a female corpse in the upper story lifted by the wind and carried through the air. The house designates was found to be partially unroofed, but was found to be deserted and verification of the story was rendered impossible. A young wife.

A young wife, SITTING BY HER DRUNKEN HUSBAND, in a frame shed on F street southwest, when the roof was carried off, is reported to have dragged his senseless form from the tumbling building and she sat by him on the pavement until early morning light attracted passers-by to the seene, where the husband was still lying, slowly recovering from the influence of his spree.

A kennel with a small dog in it is reported to have been carried across. Seventh street by the wind, and a chicken-coop with some young chickens was lodged on the roof of a specific provided in the skylights were carried in different directions.

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young chickens was lodged on the roof of a back building on Ninth street, near D south-

The exaggerated stories circulated in the lower parts of the city of the damage in the apper portions fully prepared the citizens there to hear of an erial trip of the White House, and the attachment of the same to the end of the tail of the comet.

IN THE BOTANICAL GARDENS.

The Botanical Gardens were injured to the extent of numerous branches being torn from some of the handsomest trees. The hothouses and other buildings were flooded to a slight depth and some injury inflicted to the plants. The raking of leaves and branches made a pile several feet in height, and from it were sorted the bodies of nearly a hundred dead or dying sparrows.

THE SMITHSONIAN GROUNDS. The magnificent maple trees in the Smithsonian grounds, which border Seventh street on both sides, have been greatly damaged, and throughout the grounds similar devastations have been committed. The pine trees are damaged and in some cases uprooted, while the bushes are in many instances down to pieces.

The windows of the towers of the Smith-mian which face the north and west were

The Agricultural grounds were compara-tively exempted from the ruin that was lavished on other localities. The building was not injured, and the trees were spared in almost every case. Some small branches and uprooted bushes, together with a few flowers scattered about, were the only signs of the storm.

IN THE COUNTY.
Beyond the souring of a little milk in the dairies and uprooting of a tree here and there, very little damage was done in the county. The Schuetzen Park was especially fortunate. The storm, of course, whisked fortunate. The storm, of course, whisked off decorations and twisted gas-fixtures about here and there, but there was no dam-age that could not be repaired within a few hours, and the lessess of booths, &c., our there do not complain particularly.

Nether Indications.
For the Middle Atlantic States, mostly cloudy weather, local rains, wind mostly westerly, stationary or higher temperature and barometer.

THE STORM KING'S FEST,
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NARROW ESCAPE.

Messis. Charles F. Shelton and Charles Wason, two well-known young gentlemen from East Washington, were out buggy riding last night during the storm, and when at the corner of New Jersey avenue and B streets northwest, alighted to get under shelter. They had no sooner done so than a lash of lighting struck by lightning, the roof blown off and the wall on one side threw down two was struck by lightning, the roof blown off and the wall on one side threw down two stones. His daughter was struck by lightning, the roof blown off and the wall on one side threw down two stones. His daughter was struck by lightning, the roof blown off and the wall on one side threw down two stones. His daughter was struck by lightning, the roof blown off and the wall on one side threw down two stones. His daughter was struck by lightning, the roof blown off and the wall on one side threw down two stones. His daughter was struck by lightning, the roof blown off and the wall on one side threw down two stones. His daughter was struck by lightning, the roof bown of and the wall on one side threw down two stones. His daughter was struck by lightning, the roof by lightning the stores. His daughter was struck by lightning, the stones. His daughter was struck

on Ninth street, just above L. The opera-tion of uprooting did not last long, but it made a frightful noise.

ing order this evening and all of them by to-morrow certainly.

MISCELLANEOUS LOSSES.

The plate glass window at Harvey's, Seventh and E streets, in Mockabee's store, corner Twelfth and F streets, and Wimer's engraving and printing establishment, corner Thirteenth and F streets, were smashed.

Gibson's printing office and the contents thereof were considerably damaged by water, the building being unroofed.

At Young's, No. 736 Seventh street, the front blew in, exposing a quantity of silks.

front blew in, exposing a quantity of silks, &c., the damage to the same being given at

tons and lineus stored in their cellar.

The entire front of Walter's coach shop and blacksmith shop, on D, between Thirteenth-and-a-half and Fourteenth streets, was blown in, and the rail around the Pension Office building was knocked off by the

lightning.
M. R. Woodward, 727 First street northwest, roof and rafters completely off; house Mrs. Wise, 725 First street northwest, roof

Mrs. Wise, 725 First street northwest, roof off and wall partly down.

At the corner of Second street and Massa-chusetts avenue northwest, the roof of a building owned by Mr. Talty and occupied by Joseph Junhans as a store and dwelling, was completely blown off and carried half a square down Second street. The water poured into the building in a perfect stream, causing great damage to furniture and goods causing great damage to furniture and goods and compelling a vacation of the premises. A tree in front of the store of Jos. Harbour, on Second street, near G, was shattered by lightning.

The skylight of the house occupied by Mr. Hart,711 Second street northwest, was blown off, and also that of house No. 715, just a door above it. It was a shadar freak of the

above it. It was a singular freak of the wind that the skylights were carried in

vania avenue southeast, was unroofed and the corner stove in. Chimneys blew down from the Census

Chimneys blew down from the Census office buildings, and did damage to the roof of the Republican office. The loss to the latter will be very great by reason of the damage to paner by water.

Lightning felled a large tree at the corner of Twelfth and F streets, one at the corner of Fourteenth and G streets, one on Pennsylvania.

vania avenue, above Seventeenth street, all of which completely blocked up travel on the sidewalk.

DAMAGE TO THE TREES. The young trees seem to have suffered everely all over the western section of the city, especially so on Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, H, I, and K streets and New York and Vermont avenues. In fact, the damage to trees generally was

Lieut. Guy's officers report that fully five hundred trees in his precinct were blown, down. At an early hour this morning sev-eral streets in that section of the city were rendered impassable on account of fallen

Great havoc was caused among the trees in the President's grounds, many of them being shattered and destroyed. No damage whatever was done to the Executive Man-

AN OLD LANDMARK GONE.

An old locust tree on Virginia avenue, near the corner of Eighth street southeast, which has stood the storms for nearly a century, yielded to the elements and went crashing to the ground. When Virginia avenue was being graded several years ago, many old citizens in East Washington joined in a petition to the District officials to sware the tree.

to spare the tree.

THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE CITY. Among the accidents in the East, the window corner of Fourth and E streets was broken; Mr. Klotz's residence, 214 Massa-chusetts avenue, lost a chimney; Mr. Daniel's residence, First and D streets, lost Among the accidents in the East, the window corner of Fourth and E streets was broken; Mr. Klotz's residence, 214 Massachusetts avenue, lost a chimney; Mr. San, of the restless sea, of the unruffled sea, chusetts avenue, lost a chimney; Mr. San, of the restless sea, of the unruffled sea, and all that nerve-soothing panacea. It is pleasant, yea it is delightful, but it means its roof; \$300 damages; Denis Quill, 42 G four dollars a day and everything "extra." street, met with the same loss and same ex-

ALONG SEVENTH STREET, however, matters were different, Commencing at the corner of Seventh and G streets, there were indications of the storm observable on all sides.

SCHWING & CLARKE'S awning was torn into basting threads by the wind, and their small awning sign was whisked off and wafted by the gale through the plate-glass windows of

JIM GURLEY'S CIGAR STORE, next door, making a hole large enough for one of Knox's four-horse express teams to drive through; Gurley was mad when he was so suddenly disturbed, but was made good-natured later by Mr. Clarke, who assured him that Schwing & Clarke would be responsible for the damage. The window glass of the co-operative store was smashed, the roof of the Spencerian Business College was wiped off, and the show windows of F. Pruett's shoe store, 1223 Seventh street, were shattered. The hall broke the windows of 1143 Seventh street northwest, and at the southeast corner of Seventh and Q streets, a pile of new buildings to-day looked as The cross on St. Aloysius Church was

sides at 402 C street, were injured by lightning.

The cross on St. Aloysius Church was jarred by a stroke of lightning and subsequently blown off.

Mr. Rakeman's house, No. 442 K street, was struck by lightning, the roof blown off and the wall on one side threw down two stones. His daughter was struck insensible by lightning. This house is wrecked the worst of any in the city.

THE COLUMBIA ENGINE HOUSE was somewhat damaged, a portion of the roof being torn off and the ceiling injured by the rain to the extent of about \$500.

NARROW ESCAPE.

MR. NOAR'S VOYAGE ALONG THE COAST

OF ARARAT.

A roof was torn from a house at the corner of Ninth and N streets. A tree was uprooted in front of the residence of Dr. Evans, on Ninth street, just above L. The operation of uprooting did not last long, but it Story, who gave him, the record of the record of the residence of Dr. Evans, on the street, just above L. The operation of uprooting did not last long, but it Story, who gave him, the record of the Story, who gave him the record of the storm as shown by their charts and instru-

made a frightful noise.

IN THE NORTHWEST.

No part of our city suffered more from the ravages of the storm than the northwestern section. Several bay-windows, as well as the roofs of some of the fine houses in that section, were seriously damaged. During the storm the tin-roofs of houses Nos. 1819 and 1821 G street northwest were blown off.

Back and front walls of unfinished houses are the conditions were favorable for the development of tornadoes. The rain and the storm extended over all sections of the country cast of the Mississippi River, but at no other place was it so violent."

"How about the wind?" inquired the reporter.

"The maximum velocity during the storm was thirty-six miles, but the exposure of the anonemeter in this building is such that it does not give a velocity as high as if it were not surrounded by such high building."

if it were not surrounded buildings."

"How about the rain-fall?"

"It was one fifty-eight hundredth and thirty-eight minutes in duration. This is shown by the self-recording rain guage. We have had a rainfall of six inches. There was no special fall of barometer."

"What is your theory of the storm, Lieutemant?"

tenant?" "I think it was mainly due to cyclonic

In answer to an inquiry as to how this storm compared with its predecessors, Lieut, Story furnished the following statement of the maximum velocity of the wind in

previous years: 1873, February and March, 48 miles. 1874, July, 60 miles. 1875, January, February and April, 36

1876, February, 60 miles. 1877, July, 60 miles. 1878, August, 53 miles. 1879, January, 44 miles. 1880, March, 40 miles.

1881, June, 36 miles.

THE COURTS.

CIRCUIT COURT.—In this Court to-day, Starr vs. Murray, judgment of condemna-tion; McLane vs. Bailey French Paving Company, motion to quash attachment, everruled; Hammer & Bailey vs. Douglassy motion for returns overruled; Columbus vst Smith, indement set aside. Smith, indoment set aside.

EQUITY COURT.—To-day, Ingersoll vs. James, petition of Manie Ingersoll ordered to be heard in General Term in the first into be heard in General Term in the first in-stance; Queen vs. Brooks, auditor's fee or-dered paid by trustee; Rehm vs. Keppler, amendment of bill granted; Hooper vs. Fatuee, Jas. S. Edwards admitted party complainant; Baker vs. Penn, sale ordered and Jas. W. Barker appointed trustee to sell; Keyser vs. Hitz. on hearing.

"The Republican Comet."

To the Editor of The Evening Critic: Your contemporary, the Republican, still claims the discovery of the recent eccentric celestial visitor, and harps upon it as it's comet. It does not claim that it is a Stalwart, and possibly, it may be only a Half-breed—judging from the conflicting views of college professors.

of college professors.

One thing is undeniable, the Republican has a comete It arrived here, and was discovered at Wormley's on Saturday morning; and the "eccentric" visitor only remained until Monday. But it came and went without

Miscellany.

—Interested damsel—Are we sesthetic? Gosh, yes! Æsthetic as all-git-out. -When a London athlete is off duty he passes his time devouring pork pies. -A woman who married a negro excused

herself on the ground that she was color--French heels will make a woman round

shouldered in six months. The washtub requires as many years, and yet the young women of the present day dread the washtub the most. —Romans never let pride interfere with their business. Families worth \$20,000 send their children out to beg for pennies, and they are told to beg mostly of Americans.— Detail Fee Prince

Detroit Free Press. The resignation of Dr. Howard Crosby lown.

g sevesty, tendered as far back as 1878, has just were been accepted. Rev. Dr. John Hall will be

asked to accept the place. —Fenderson was at the theatre the other night. "It was a burlesque, a take-off, was'nt it?" asked Smith. "Yes," said Fen-derson, "that's what it was, I guess. They had taken off about everything they dared

—"Long ears," says a writer, "denote broad comprehensive views," Then the mule has never received the credit to which his extraordinary intelligence entitles him "Henry," said a Washington wife, with chilling severity, "I saw you coming out of a saloon this afternoon." "Well, my darling, responded the heartless man, "you wouldn't have your husband staying in a saloon all day, would you?"

Now we shall begin to read of the mur-

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